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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Higgins et al.  
Serial Number: 09/993,158  
Filed: November 16, 2001  
For: Textile Product and Method  
Group Art Unit: 1771  
Examiner: Juska, Cheryl Ann

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 2, 2003, Applicants hereby respectfully elect the invention of Group I, at least claims 1 – 49, 54, 57 – 85, 87 – 128, 130 – 132, 134 – 136, 138, 140, and 141, for examination on the merits with traverse. Applicants respectfully believe that the invention of Group II, claims 129, 133, 137, 139, 142, 143, and 146 – 148, can include a rebond foam layer. For example, a rebond foam sheet can be a slit foam (claim 129) or in one embodiment the rebond foam is flame laminated to glass and/or felt (claim 133). Claim 148 calls for rebond foam.

Should any matter of form or language stand in the way of allowance of the present application, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone conference to resolve such issues.

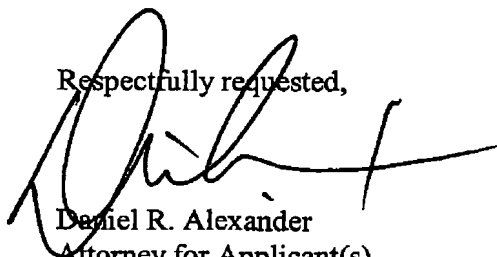
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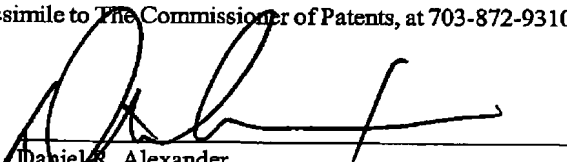
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